



Los Alamos Postdoc Newsletter

REMINDER!!!

The next GA
Meeting is Wednesday
September 10, 2008

The next Postdoc Social
is Tuesday September
2, 2008. Please see the
events calendar.

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Submissions Welcome
lapa_communications@lanl.gov
LAPA's website
<http://www.lanl.gov/projects/pda/>

2008 Career Fair



Dear fellow postdocs,

As you know the Los Alamos Postdoc Association (LAPA) career fair is coming up August 26-28. We hope that you will attend!

Below are a few notes that may help in preparing for this event:

The Career fair will start with a welcome social on August 26 from 6 pm to 8 pm, at Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos. We sent emails asking that you send an RSVP to lapa_career@lanl.gov to let us know that you plan on attending. The deadline for RSVP was August 20th, so that we can have sufficient time to prepare for the social.

The main Career Fair day is August 27th from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. It will be held in Room 203 at Research Park. All attending companies will have display booths. You do not have to register for this event and it is free to all postdocs attending. Furthermore, this event and all events associated with the career fair are free and open to all postdocs, and ONLY postdocs.

Attending during work hours - This event is considered a regular part of your postdoc work/experience. It is also endorsed by PADSTE Dr. Terry Wallace and all postdocs are encouraged to attend.

Agenda, locations, companies attending, and further information - In addition company overview presentations are being scheduled August 26-28. Final presentation schedule, list of companies attending, directions to Research Park, and other information will be posted on the career fair website http://www.lanl.gov/projects/pda/committee_career/CareerFair.shtml

If you have submitted a CV, all submitted CVs were compiled and mailed to registered companies on July 18th. Companies are currently reviewing CVs and you may get a call



for an interview. Interview rooms will be available during the career fair. It is up to you and company representatives to schedule the time for an interview during the career fair and we will provide a room.

If you have not submitted a CV in advance we strongly encourage you to bring several copies with you to the career fair! This will give companies a chance to review your CV and if interested we will have interview rooms available during the career fair.

Volunteers. If you would like to assist during the career fair please send me an email at: lapa_career@lanl.gov. Some of the duties, for example, would be to provide directions and help with other issues companies may have in order to get around the lab and town, and ultimately make their stay here more pleasant. This is a great way for you to get some one-on-one with company representatives, so please email us if you are interested!

If you have any other questions please feel free to email me at lapa_career@lanl.gov. We hope and encourage you to attend, even if you are in your first month here at the lab! Strong postdoc participation will not only help make this event a success, but will also help entice attending companies back to future LAPA career fairs!

I wish you all the best of luck at the upcoming career fair!

Nenad Velisavljevic
LAPA career committee chair



Recent Events

August Postdoc
Social

Upcoming Events

General Assembly Meeting

Date: Wednesday September 10, 2008
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Where: Otowi Cafeteria, Siderooms A&B

Postdoc Social: Sponsored by Postdoc Office

Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2008
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Where: Fuller Lodge
Other Info: RSVP Required! Send RSVP to:
postdocprogram@lanl.gov

LAPA Annual Picnic

Date: Tentatively September 20th - Watch for emails

Career Fair Social

Date: August 26, 2008
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Where: Fuller Lodge
Other Info: RSVP Deadline has passed

Career Fair

Date: August 27, 2008
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Where: Research Park, Room 203

Postdoc Orientation

Date: September 29, 2008
Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Where: Canyon School, Room 160

LAPA Officer Reports

Treasurer

- LAPA Finances are in good standing.
- We have sufficient funds in the LAPA Morale Account to fully support the LAPA Annual Picnic this Fall and to contribute to the September Social that is being organized by Mary Anne With and the Postdoc Program Office.
- There remains additional money (> \$1500) earmarked for materials/travel/services that can be used before the end of FY08. Potential uses for this money are being identified; please send any suggestions for using this money to the LAPA Treasurer:
treasurer_lapa@lanl.gov

LAPA Committee Reports

Policy Committee

- Nothing to report.

Communication Committee

- Nothing to report.

Finance Committee

- Nothing to report

Social Committee

- Nothing to report.

Conversion Committee

- Nothing to report.

Career Committee

- See Cover Story



General Assembly Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the LAPA General Assembly was held on Wednesday, August 13th, 2008 at 12:05 PM in siderooms A&B of Otowi. LAPA President Nate Mack was the presiding officer, and upon calling the meeting to order announced that a quorum was present. The agenda was approved without objection. The minutes from the July General Assembly Meeting, which were published in the July Newsletter were approved without objection.

An officer report was given by Kevin Houston, Treasurer. A committee reports was given by Nenad Velisavljevic (chair, Career Committee).

Under new business getting a cake to celebrate the second anniversary of LAPA at the September 2008 GA meeting was discussed and tasked the Secretary to look into the cost with Aramark.

There were four announcements:

1. Send in Postdoc Profiles for the newsletter to the Communications Committee: lapa_communications@lanl.gov
2. Career Fair Social - Tuesday August 26, 2008 @ 6 pm - 8 pm, Location: Fuller Lodge
3. Career Fair - Wednesday August 27, 2008 @ 9 am - 3 pm, Location: Research Park
4. Career Fair Extra Interviewing Day for Companies - Thursday August 28, 2008

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Things to do around Los Alamos

Pajarito Mountain:

Besides skiing and snowboarding in the winter, pajarito offers mountain biking and hiking off season. Lift tickets for a full day rider and bike are \$20 and for a full day hiker are \$10. For more information see: <http://www.skipajarito.com/>

Bradbury Science Museum:

There are many exhibits and short films as well as evening lectures on certain days. Admission is free and more information can be found at: <http://www.lanl.gov/museum/>

Los Alamos Historical Society:

Historical Museum: Presents the history of Los Alamos with many interesting displays and memorabilia. Admission is free and further information can be found at: <http://www.losalamoshistory.org/Museum.htm>

Tsankawi Trail:

This is part of Bandelier National Monument. The trailhead starts at the intersection of the truck route and NM 4 (there are usually a couple vehicles parked there). There are info maps available to describe the various markers at the beginning of the trail. The trail is narrow in places and also has some native style ladders in several places. You need to display an annual pass in your car, or purchase a day pass at the booth a little ways up the trail. For more information see: <http://www.nps.gov/band/planyourvisit/tsankawi.htm>

Postdoc Program Office Announcements

There will be a postdoc social with food provided by the postdoc office on Tuesday September 2, 2008 at the Fuller Lodge from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. RSVP for this event to: postdocprogram@lanl.gov

New Hires for July:

Brian Munsky	CCS-3
Ru-Qiang Zou	EES-6
Stanley Seibert	P-23
Baozhou Sun	P-23
Michael Forbes	T-16
Yinwan Li	MPA-10
Joel Rowland	EES-2
Juliet Swanson	EES-12

Conversions for July - Congratulations!!!

Leslie (Welser) Sherrill	X-4
Jacob Spendelow	MPA-11
Israel Owens	ISR-2

Calendar of Events

September 2008						
Public Access						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	01	02 • 5:30pm» Postdoc Social	03	04	05	06
07 (Week 37)	08	09	10 • 12pm» LAPA General Assembly Mtg.	11	12	13
14 (Week 38)	15	16	17	18	19	20 • LAPA Picnic
21 (Week 39)	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 (Week 40)	29 • 11:30am» Postdoc Orientation	30				

To view the latest LAPA calendar of events go to:
<http://int.lanl.gov/science/postdocs/calendar/month.php?year=2008&month=09>

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